

Covered Bridge (over Cedar Creek)
Near Cedarburg, Wisconsin.

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COVERED BRIDGE

This covered bridge spans Cedar Creek at a point about a mile north of the city of Cedarburg, Wisconsin. It was built in 1876 and is a heritage of the past. Though these covered bridges were more or less common during the formative days of the northwest, they have almost all disappeared by this time. Of the two or three which still remain in the state, this little bridge over Cedar Creek is by far the most interesting one. The abutments are of field stone, laid in white mortar. The center pier, which today is of concrete, was also of field stone. From abutment to abutment the bridge has a crown which gives it a most graceful appearance.

On each side of the runway occurs an immense lattice truss constructed of 3 x 12" oak timbers held together with large wooden pegs. Hardly a nail seems to be used in the structural part of the work. The trusses between the two outside ones are interesting also and are held together with similar wood pegs.

Though the bridge has been in use for 65 years it is in excellent condition today. No more oxen drawn wagons cross it, scarcely a horse drawn vehicle passes over it today, but there it stands, a connecting link on an unimportant highway where only automobiles pass today.

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